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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) A proposal for constructing a bridge across the Kudathalaiyar river near the Poondi Reservoir is being examined."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the proposal is under the examination of the Government, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the time that will be taken to have the proposal examined and if it is found feasible, will the Government come forward to put through the scheme? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, a list is being prepared for submission to the Central Government as the schemes are to be executed under the Central Road Fund. After examination this may be included in the list, and the final sanction has to come from the Government of India."

Construction of " cutcha " houses for Harijans.

* 663 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has submitted any scheme to Government for the construction of " cutcha " houses for Harijans ;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to put it into operation; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the scheme on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

" (*c*) The question will be considered after the Government pass final orders on the scheme."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, when the scheme was submitted to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Six months ago, Sir."

Revision of voters' lists for the Local Board Constituencies.

* 664 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the voters' lists for the Local Board Constituencies were revised after the fresh Panchayat and Municipal elections; and

(*b*) if not, why?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The member presumably refers to the electoral rolls relating to the Local Authorities' Constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council. The rolls were last revised in 1953 with the qualifying date 1st April 1953 as prescribed in the Representation of People Act, 1950, and they will again be revised shortly with the qualifying date 1st April 1954. The rolls as revised this year will come into force only on 1st October 1954."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the roll was revised with respect to election to the Municipality which was favourable to the ruling party and it was not done in respect of Panchayats? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is absolutely incorrect to impute any motive in this connexion. We follow the procedure laid down in the Representation of People Act. I know it has led to certain anomalies. That is why we have taken up the matter with the Government of India and the matter is under consideration."

Scheme to bring waste lands under cultivation in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot.

* 665 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable waste lands available in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to bring them under cultivation through a scheme of co-operative farming?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Eeven thousand and twenty-one acres including 2,155 acres already under sivoi-jama cultivation."

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister for Health whether the Government would come forward to assign these cultivable waste lands to the Harijans and the landless poor in Cuddalore taluk? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I understand from my Hon. Colleague, the Minister for Revenue that there is already a proposal to that effect."

Appointment of candidates belonging to Backward and Harijan Communities in the High Court Service.

* 666 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the selection posts in the High Court Services;

(*b*) whether there is any reservation among these posts for Backward and Harijan Communities ;